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I am the resurrection and the life, saith the Lord; he that believeth in me, though he were dead, yet shall he live; and whosoever liveth and believeth in me, shall never die.

I heard a voice from Heaven, saying unto me, write, From henceforth blessed are the dead who die in the Lord; even so saith the Spirit; for they rest from their labours.

We brought nothing into this world, and it is certain we can carry nothing out.

The Lord gave, and the Lord hath taken away; blessed be the name of the Lord.

Just and true are thy ways, thou King of saints. Righteousness and judgment are the habitation of thy seat.

Who is like unto thee, O people saved by the Lord, the shield of thy help, and who is the sword of thy excellency.

Let us pray.

Our Father who art in Heaven, hallowed be thy name; thy kingdom come; thy will be done on

earth as it is in Heaven; give us this day our daily bread; and forgive us our trespasses, as we forgive those who trespass against us; and lead us not into temptation, but deliver us from evil: for thine is the kingdom, and the power, and the glory, forever and ever. AMEN.

Almighty and everlasting God, who art always more ready to hear than we to pray, and art wont to give more than either we desire or deserve, pour down upon us the abundance of thy mercy, forgiving us those things whereof our conscience is afraid, and giving us those good things which we are not worthy to ask, but through the merits and mediation of Jesus Christ, thy Son our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty and everlasting God, who hatest nothing that thou hast made, and dost forgive the sins of all those who are penitent, create and make in us new and contrite hearts, that we, worthily lamenting our sins, and acknowledging our wretchedness, may obtain of thee, the God of all mercy, perfect remission and forgiveness, through Jesus Christ our Lord.—AMEN.

Lord of all power and might, who art the Author and Giver of all good things, graft in our hearts the love of thy name, increase in us true religion, nourish us with all goodness, and, of thy great mercy, keep us in the same, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, with whom do live the spirits of those who depart hence in the Lord, and with whom the souls of the faithful, after they are delivered from the burthen of the flesh, are in joy and felicity; we

give thee hearty thanks for the good examples of all those thy servants, who, having finished their course in faith, do now rest from their labours. And we beseech Thee that we, with all those who are departed in the true faith of thy holy name, may have our perfect consummation and bliss, both in body and soul, in thy eternal glory, through Jesus Christ our Lord. AMEN.

Almighty God, Creator of the Universe, the Maker and Disposer of the hearts of men, and Sovereign Lord of all, who hast, in every age, made known thy power and truth, in the deliverance, protection, and preservation of states and empires, we have heard with our ears, and our fathers have declared unto us, the noble works which, in behalf of this our favoured land, thou didst vouchsafe to do in their days, and in the old time before them. We adore thy name, that in their day of darkness and dismay, thou wast their pillar of a cloud and fire, for guidance and guardianship and deliverance from the iron bondage of the oppressor. We acknowledge that it was because thou wentest forth with their armies, and didst fight for them, that their little one was enabled to chase a thousand, and that victory crowned their arms. And we confess that when the din of battle had subsided, and thy Spirit, moving on the troubled waters, had lulled them all to peace, it was by thy wisdom that their counsels were directed, and of thy goodness, that their signal sacrifices, and generous efforts, were conducted to that fair result in which our hearts rejoice. We thank thee, with a gratitude more pure and fervent for the solemn service which to-day assembles us together, for the distinguished warriors and able counsellors, to vindicate and to maintain our liberties, whom, in the great time of

our necessity, thy holy arm raised up; and for the mercy and goodness which, following us still, have blessed our country, in the serenity of peace, with wise and faithful men to fill with dignity the highest stations of the public trust, and to discharge with energy and skill the arduous responsibilities which they involve. Especially we praise thee, for the public services and private virtues of the distinguished soldier, patriot, and statesman, whose recent death we now affectionately deplore. Raise up, we pray thee, others, after him, and through all coming time, to administer worthily the free and happy institutions with which thy providence hath blessed us; that, ruling in thy fear, they may be instruments of thine in extending that true wisdom and knowledge which can alone be the stability of our times, in promoting that righteousness which only can exalt a nation, and in establishing that pure and undefiled religion which, subduing all our hearts to thy obedience, shall make our land a name, and a blessing, and a praise in all the earth. Encompass with thy heavenly favour, and endue with thy abundant grace, thy servants, the President of the United States, and all in authority under him, the officers of the government of this Commonwealth, and the municipal authorities of the City in which we are assembled. Let thy continual pity cleanse and defend thy Church; and upon all the ministers of thy holy word and ordinances pour down the dew of thy continual blessing, that both by their life and doctrine, they may set forth thy true and living word, and the people obediently follow the same. Take to thy holy keeping, God and Father of us all, and, as thou seest best for us, sustain, direct, and bless, the various institutions of our common country, and the several interests, social, domestic, and personal, which concern us as

communities, as families, and as individual men.—And, finally, give us all grace so to walk in the way of our holy profession, that thou mayest delight to dwell among us, and to do us good; and that all the temporal and spiritual blessings with which thou hast favoured us, even from of old, and beyond all other nations, may, through thy good providence be continued to us, and to our children, a possession forever. Let thy protection and thy blessing be with us in this place, and on this solemn occasion. Fill the hearts of all who are here present with a deep sense of human mortality, and of human accountability. May the duties of the day be ably and faithfully discharged, to the instruction, improvement, and advantage of us all. And may thy blessing go with us, when we go hence, to follow us all the days of our life, and, at the last, to lead us to that high and holy place, which is prepared for those who faithfully serve thee. Grant this, O Lord, for Jesus Christ's sake, our only Mediator and advocate.

The grace of our Lord Jesus Christ, and the love of God, and the communion of the Holy Ghost, be with us all evermore. AMEN.

IV....FUNERAL ANTHEM....*(Handel.)*

How are the mighty fallen! they that were great among the Nations, and Rulers of the People.—The People will tell of their wisdom! The righteous shall be had in everlasting remembrance, and the wise shall shine as the brightness of the firmament.—Their bodies are buried in peace; but their name liveth evermore.

V....EULOGY.

BY

Hon. JOHN Q. ADAMS.

VI....HYMN....*(Tune Trivoli.)*

Cease, ye mourners, cease to languish
O'er the grave of those you love ;
Pain, and death, and night, and anguish,
Enter not the world above.
They are blessed, they are blessed,
Who their country's cause hath served.

While our silent steps are straying,
Lonely, through night's deepening shade,
Glory's brightest beams are playing
Round the immortal spirits head.
They are blessed, &c.

Light and peace at once deriving,
From the hand of God most high,
In His glorious presence living,
They shall never—never die !
They are blessed, &c.

VII....BENEDICTION.

BY REV. WILLIAM CROSWELL.

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